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Chapter 1: Starting out

I begin my Quest in the
fine bank of Skara Brae.

My Quest is to travel by
foot to the eight shrines
of Britannia. Although
this may sound easy, it
is hampered because I
have forsaken my abilities
and worldly possessions.

Instead, all that I have
to live by are a set of
plain clothes, a ship to
sail the seas and my
diary in which to record
my adventures. Onward
Ho towards the Shrine of
Spirituality!

Chapter 2: The Road to
Spirituality

Since I have forsaken
magic as a form of
travel, I must find a way
to the mainland from this
island town. Fortunately,
I was able to barter a
ride from the ferryman.

Upon reaching the
mainland, I followed the
road until it turned
North, yet I must
continue Eastward. I
paused to listen to the
pleasant sounds of the
birds chirping and enjoyed
the peace away from the
busy life. Upon reaching
the Hedge Maze I recalled

a story about the mage
Relvinian in the days of
old and turned South to
go around it. Possessing
no weapons and having
forsaken my training, I
heeded the sign that said,
"Enter and Become One
Among Ghosts." The River

forced me to turn South and then continue East.

Chapter 3: Spirituality

Spirituality is the leader of the Virtues. It is the meditation and understanding of all other Virtues. Without Spirituality, one cannot completely follow the Virtues, for It is the dedication and adherence to them.

Chapter 4: Finding Honor

My next visit will be to the Shrine of Honor, which lies a fair distance to the South. There is a road to my East that I will follow to the town of Trinsic. I found a warm room at the Traveller's Inn, and woke refreshed in the morning to hear the sounds of nature as I prepared to continue my journeys. I thanked the kind innkeeper and headed out of Trinsic and South. I conversed briefly with one lucky enough to own a house in the beautiful country and he bade me good fortune on my travels. I used my rusty blade to cut through dense jungles past ruins of a forgotten realm, now inhabited only by the Undead. Many a mongbat did hamper my journey, but finally I arrived at the Shrine of Honor.

Chapter 5: Honor

Many link Honor and battle, but it can be used with any aspect of Life. Honor is to abide by the rules, dishonor is to cheat; to seek the unfair advantage. I vowed to always live life with Honor.

Chapter 6: Seeking Valor

I must now embark on my trusty small ship, the Hollandia, to the South

and East, to a small island where few have travelled. I know not yet what I will encounter at sea, so I bid the Virtues grant me safety. So begins my voyage. I managed to sail unnoticed past some water elementals which took a fair bit of navigation from my tillerman.

However, I arrived without incident.

Chapter 7: Valor

The Shrine of Valor is protected by many a beast far too poisonous and foul for myself to vanquish. One must show Valor to approach the Shrine! Valor is often shown in one's willingness to fight what maybe a losing battle upon which he believes. It takes Valor to stand your ground against the many murderers and lawbreakers in our lands. You may lose, but you show Valor in that you fight that which must be opposed. Fight the fights you believe in, not just the fights you think you can win.

Chapter 8: The Voyage to Humility

My journey will continue to the East towards the Shrine of Humility. I launch my boat from the West side of the Island of Valor, where I made my daring escape from the many Giant Serpents chasing me with their poisonous venom and hissing tongues. Beautiful blue waves washed over the bow of the boat as dolphins played, merrily leading me on. The voyage is long and the water turbulent but finally land was struck. Quickly I ran, eager to find my final

destination for the day.

Chapter 9: Humility

The Shrine of Humility is surprisingly spartan; it is merely a grove of stone pillars with an ankh and the Humility stone at its center. I would characterize Humility as this Quest; returning to my roots in this world. I have rejected my possessions and my wealth in order to rely only upon my cunning and instincts. No longer have I that which makes me Glorious to others, but I have only that which I need to survive. I may no longer rely upon myself, I must rely upon others for my survival. My journey to Humility has only made me realize even more how Blessed I have been.

Chapter 10: Onward to

Honesty

Now the journey will turn South towards the Island of Ice. However, my voyages and excursions into the jungle have made me quite tired, so I will camp here beside a river near the Shrine of Humility for the night. I awake the next morning refreshed and invigorated, but also under attack! A Headless One has noticed my rise from slumber and attacks viciously. My trusty cleaver was in my hand instantly, but my lack of skill with the weapon delayed the death of the creature. I launched the Hollandia and set sail for the Island of Ice, seeking the Shrine of Honesty. As I sail the vast oceans, I find myself desiring the company of my fellow man. Hopefully I shall meet some kind of traveller with whom I may

exchange a few words.

Shortly I was landing my boat on the North end of the Island of Ice. I quickly made my way through snow across the frigid tundra while trying to keep warm. The Shrine of Honesty bid me welcome as I felth the warmth radiate throughout me.

Chapter 11: Honesty

Honesty is to uphold and defend the truth at all times. Furthermore, Honesty requires us to be fair and true to our fellow man; not taking undue advantage. Honesty is a Virtue often lacking in today's world. It seems as though people are out to gain wealth with no regard to Honesty towards other people. Honesty is the foundation upon which trust is built. If the foundation crumbles, everything built upon it must fall. The cold environment which houses the Shrine of Honesty is a testament to its value in today's society. The symbolic cold and secluded location shows us that only the most dedicated to pursuing Honesty will achieve it. May we all be Honest with our fellow man and remember to treat them how we would like to be treated.

Chapter 12: The Path to Sacrifice.

I made my way to the West side of the Island of Ice. From there I launch the Hollandia and sail slightly to the North and West. I land my boat just East of the Shrine of Sacrifice, so my road is West. Although I enjoy the sea, I am happy to be back on the mainland

for the final three
Shrines.